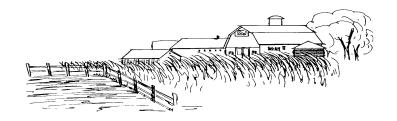


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## 2004 Crop Values

**UTAH**: The preliminary value of principal crops including field crops, fruits, and vegetables produced in Utah during 2004 was \$282.6 million, up 2.1 percent from the 2003 crop year, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service.

The 2004 all hay crop was valued at \$213.5 million, up 6.8 percent from the 2003 value. The price per ton was up \$6.00 to \$87.50. Alfalfa hay was valued at \$186.2 million, up 4.2 percent from the 2003 value. The price per ton was \$87.50, up \$5.50 from the previous year. All other hay was valued at \$27.3 million, up 29.4 percent from the previous year. Oats, valued at \$1.1 million was down slightly from 2003. The price of \$1.80 per bushel was down 50 cents from the previous year. Barley was valued at \$7.7 million, up 20.2 percent from the 2003 crop. The average price of \$2.25 per bushel was down 5 cents from 2003. The all wheat crop, at \$21.2 million, was down 6.8 percent. The price per bushel at \$3.65 was down 35 cents from last year. Winter wheat was valued at \$18.3 million, down 9.5 percent from 2003. The average price per bushel for winter wheat was \$3.55, a decrease of 40 cents from the previous year. Spring wheat was valued at \$2.9 million, up 15 percent from last year. The average price per bushel for other spring wheat, at \$4.15 per bushel, was down 40 cents. Corn for grain was valued at \$4.93 million, down 18.2 percent from the previous year. The average price per bushel, at \$2.65,was down 34 cents from 2003. Dry edible beans was valued at \$392,000, an increase of \$104,000 from 2003. The dry bean price was valued at \$28.00 per cwt, up \$10.00 from 2003.

**UNITED STATES**: Nationally, the value of principal crops totaled \$103.8 billion, down 2.7 percent from 2003. The value of principal crops compared with 2003 is as follows: all hay \$12.2 billion, up 1.6 percent; alfalfa hay \$7.0 billion, up 3.8 percent; all other hay \$5.22 billion, down 1.2 percent; oats \$168 million, down 25.3 percent; barley \$694.0 million, down 8.1 percent; all wheat \$7.2 billion, down 9.3 percent; winter wheat \$4.92 billion, down 12.2 percent; other spring wheat \$1.93 billion, down slightly; corn for grain \$23.0 billion, down 5.9 percent; dry edible beans \$444.8 million, up 5.2 percent.